

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2827 - HB 2610

February 25, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires that any state resident who is at least 21 years old and applies to the Department of Safety for a handgun carry permit to successfully complete a handgun safety course taught by an instructor certified by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance. Under current law, such applicant must complete a handgun safety course approved by the Department of Safety.
- Provides that the Commissioner shall certify persons conducting firearms instruction for compensation and persons teaching handgun courses in this state.
- Requires the Commissioner to develop certification categories including but not limited to hunter safety, handguns, rifles, shotguns, edged weapons, law enforcement and private protective services and authorizes the Commissioner to establish the number of training hours required to be certified in each category.
- Requires persons wishing to teach firearms training to take classes on ethics and laws related to firearms.
- Establishes a fee of no more than \$200 each year upon those receiving certification as a firearms instructor.
- Provides that any violation of this bill is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$46,000 Dept. of Commerce and Insurance

Increase State Expenditures - \$31,800 Recurring

\$14,200 One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in state revenues from certification fees will be collected in an amount sufficient to cover expenditures.
- a not significant decrease in state revenues to the Dept. of Safety in fees for the administration of the program that is eliminated under the provisions of this bill.

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- an increase in state expenditures of \$31,800 recurring and \$14,200 one-time for 1 position and related expenses in the Dept. of Commerce and Insurance to implement the provisions of this bill.
- a not significant increase in state expenditures to cover the fees of firearms instructors in the TBI and the Dept. of Safety who would have to obtain certification and pay fees under the provisions of this bill.
- a not significant decrease in state expenditures to the Dept. of Safety for the administration of the program that is eliminated under the provisions of this bill.
- all firearms instructors employed by local governments would have to obtain certification and pay fees under the provisions of this bill. Such increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant. In addition, impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director